

COME AND SEE US!

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM
SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT K.I.C.K 5:45 PM

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"Taking the TRUTH of Jesus into the world!"



Last week while watching WEAU channel 13 news an online poll result came up. The question was: "Do you plan on making a new years resolution?" The response was overwhelmingly no with 73.4%. I can understand why. All those New Year's Eve resolutions that I have made that never really happened. On CNN.com there was a report that 30% of individuals don't even make it to February while another study said only 8% actually fulfill them. From my experience these numbers are correct.

Failure seems to always be knocking at our door. When it does come too often we can't get beyond our failures. But by God's grace we can close that door and look ahead. We can overcome that last struggle or hurt. We can overcome failure, but how?

Hope can overcome so much because it helps us look ahead even though times may be a bit bumpy. The Olympics start in February and one of the most amazing events is the freestyle skiing. They do these fantastic jumps and flips combined with treacherous moguls (really big bumps!) all while speeding down a steep mountain. Can you imagine if they focused on every mogul? Just think if they came to one and stopped and said, "too big!" and just sat down! Would

they do it? NO! Because their eyes are not only set on the finish line, but also the gold medal prize.

How frequently do we get caught up in the size of the mogul instead of the hope of the finish line and the prize? Paul who risked his life daily (1 Cor. 15:30-31) and understood not only what a "bump" was but also a "broadside" said these words in 2 Corinthians 4:14-18: "14 We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. 15 All of this is for your benefit... 16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. 17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

Whether you make resolutions or not, may we strive in 2010 to "fix our gaze" on the hope of eternal life and a resurrected Savior so we can keep taking that next step no matter what comes into our path.

Jeremy

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



PRAYER REQUESTS

George Giebel: Friend of Phil Crick's had a finger cut off and it is healing well.
Chris Black: Cousin of Ryan Ehlert is being shipped to Afghanistan. Pray for all the service men and women.
Bob Woodside's family: Jeremy Allard's uncle passed away. Pray for his family at this time of year.
Gene Biederman: Had surgery on his hand. It is healing up well.
Randy Dicus: Had shoulder surgery. It went well.
Peggy Tinstman: Had pneumonia. We pray she recovers well.
Charlie Anderson: A neighbor of Clarence and Sue is very ill with bone cancer. Pray for comfort for the pain and for his wife, Lucy.
Gena Bollom: Marion Cooper's cousin is back home after having problems with her breathing and passed out. She will be on a breathing machine.

Hubert Moore: A friend of Marion Cooper's is in need of a respirator for breathing problems.
Ruby Rumanko: Annie's friend has had a return of her breast cancer and will be undergoing treatment.
Darrel Hastings: A neighbor of Tiffany and Jay's has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Snow Removal

We are looking for anyone willing to help clear snow away from the sidewalks prior to 9:00 am on these Sunday mornings:
Jan 3, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 14, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, and Mar 28. There is a sign-up on the Welcome Center or call the church office at 452-5354.

January Special Days

7	Byron Barber
9	Connie Cooper Gene and Grace Biederman
12	Susie Burch
14	Doris Biederman
15	Peggy Hattamer
16	Von Baughman
22	Harvey Burch, Greg West
24	Blane Hulle
25	Byron and Vivian Barber Lauren Starkey
26	Jennifer Allard, Judy Cooper
30	Chase Biederman

If we missed you, we are sorry and we want to know. Please email us at office@sheldonchurch.com so we can update our records.



"The Cross"

When Jesus died on the cross everything changed. A new covenant was started, a new relationship was offered, and a new beginning was given. On March 26-27, we invite you to St. Bedes Retreat Center for an opportunity to come closer to the cross. On Friday evening we will be having a special Passover meal and on Saturday we will experience the cross in different ways. The cost has not been set, but it will be affordable and include room and meals while there. Keep your eyes open for more information via the bulletin or on www.sheldonchurch.com

ELDERS and STAFF

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PERSONAL PROFILE

To get to know people better, we will be profiling a different person each month.

Name: Megan Marie Stamper.

Born: May 26, 1991 Viroqua, WI.

Family: Parents: Mark and Lisa, Brothers: Jacob and Colin, Sister: Hailey.

Fondest Childhood Memory: Going to Disneyworld.

Education: High School.

Work Experience: McDonalds and nursing home.

Favorite Food: McDonalds.

Hobbies: Sports and reading.

Favorite Verse: John 3:16.

How I became a Christian: Going to Church and VBS.

Biggest Challenge: Just going to school.

Most Spiritual Growth From: Going to Christ in Youth conventions.

I Will Never Forget: Going to state in basketball.

A Lesson I Would Like To Pass on: Don't judge based on appearance.

Church Leadership: Nursery.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

A new women's bible study is being planned to start in February. If you are interested in joining the study please talk to Jennifer Allard so she can order you a book.

Men's Bible Study

The men's bible study is changing times to Saturday at 7:00 AM. We will continue studying the Gospel of Matthew and enjoy a nice Pancake breakfast. All men are welcome to come! The change will start on Saturday, January 9th.

Valentine's Dinner

A special evening for couples awaits you on Friday, February 12th. Starting at 6:30 hors d'oeuvres will be offered with the meal starting at 7:00. The meal will be prepared by the former executive chef at the exclusive Canoe Bay Resort. Following the meal a special program will be given. We are still figuring out the cost per couple. Make plans to join your loved one for this romantic and fun evening. Contact the church office or sign up to reserve your place. Deadline for sign up will be February 7th.



Thank You!

We on the Mission Committee wish to thank all that contributed to the Christmas Project, A Child Taught. We reached our goal and then some of \$797. It is so wonderful when you see the love displayed at this time of year in giving so that others can receive the gift of education. These children will have a gift that will last longer than any toy could possibly last. The gift of learning not only in books but what God did for them in sending His son so that all may be saved.

Thank you all from the Mission Committee.

Financial Peace University



On Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm, we will be starting another 13 week course of Financial Peace University (FPU). The first class had tremendous success and we hope to see more success in this next class. By the end of the class the average family pays off more than \$5000 in debt and saves almost \$3000 which is similar to what we saw in our first class. This class is open to the community for anyone interested in improving their financial situation. The cost for the FPU lifetime membership and packet of materials to complete the class is \$99. To find out more, call us at 452-5354.

YOUTH NEWS

Happy New Year!

That's right!! The New Year is upon us!! What have you resolved this year? The things that we know we need to change are often the hardest to change! The New Year often brings new challenges and a renewed spirit. Let's get this year started off right with God as our focus! That was just a little encouragement!

There will be a few changes in our youth programs this year. For Wednesday Night KICK we are going to "KICK" it up a notch and start a Junior Youth Group for grade 5-7. We are also going to change the times for Kick. We will start at the same time, 5:45- but we will now go till 7:00PM. This change will begin on Wednesday, January 6th.

I am very excited about starting a new year and hope that you all will come and be a part of our "Kids in Christ Kingdom" program!

Cancelation Policy:

If Flambeau School District closes or cancels after school activities, we will then cancel our programs for that night. If you have any questions, please call Brandt.

Broomball

Broomball? What is that!? Well, if you liked Monkeyball then you are sure to like Broomball. Sunday, January 24th the youth group will have a Broomball night at the Poppenhagen's house! Broomball is a game played on ice very similar to hockey but without skates and instead of sticks you use brooms.

You can bring ice skates too if you want to get some skating in. We will start at 6:00 PM then we will have snacks and hot chocolate afterward. Invite your friends! The more the merrier!

Substance

Substance is going to be on Sunday, January 17th this month in Eau Claire at Peace Church. It starts at 6:00PM. This is a great opportunity to experience a contemporary Worship style in a great atmosphere. There is a coffee shop in the foyer of the church so you can enjoy some Java while you Worship with 513Free!

Contact Brandt for directions or to arrange a ride.

JANUARY 2010



Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say he knows
That all the other Snowmen
Only have a carrot nose!

-Anonymous

Family Night

On Wednesday, January 27th we are going to have a Family Night during our KICK program. Parents will be invited to come and see their kids sing and recite memory work! Then we will have some games and refreshments.

Come on down and see what your kids have been working on! This will be a great time for all!

New Year's Reflections

Looking back on the months gone by,
As a new year starts and an old one ends,
We contemplate what brought us joy,
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.
Recalling all the happy times,
Remembering how they enriched our lives,
We reflect upon who really counts,
As the fresh and bright new year arrives.
And when we ponder those who do,
We immediately think of you.
Thanks for being one of the reasons
We'll have a Happy New Year!

By Joanna Fuchs